

# DRAFT

## MEPA/NEPA/HB495 CHECKLIST

### PART I. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

1. Type of Proposed State Action Development of Fishing Access Site
2. Agency Authority for the Proposed Action Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
3. Name of Project Drummond Fishing Access Site
4. Name, Address and Phone Number of Project Sponsor (if other than the agency)
5. If Applicable:  
Estimated Construction/Commencement Date Summer 2000  
Estimated Completion Date Fall 2000  
Current Status of Project Design (% complete) 50%
6. Location Affected by Proposed Action (county, range and township)  
Granite County, Montana T11N R12W S31
7. Project Size: Estimate the number of acres that would be directly affected that are currently:

(a) Developed: residential..... <u>0</u> acres industrial ..... <u>0</u> acres	(d) Floodplain ..... <u>2</u> acres
(b) Open Space/Woodlands/ Recreation ..... <u>2</u> acres	(e) Productive: irrigated cropland..... <u>0</u> acres dry cropland ..... <u>0</u> acres forestry ..... <u>0</u> acres rangeland..... <u>0</u> acres other..... <u>0</u> acres
(c) Wetlands/Riparian Areas ..... <u>2</u> acres	
8. Map/site plan: attach an original 8 1/2" x 11" or larger section of the most recent USGS 7.5' series topographic map showing the location and boundaries of the area that would be affected by the proposed action. A different map scale may be substituted if more appropriate or if required by agency rule. If available, a site plan should also be attached.

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**9. Narrative Summary of the Proposed Action or Project including the Benefits and Purpose of the Proposed Action.**

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks proposes to construct a Fishing Access Site within the boundaries of the existing Drummond Town Park. The concept has been thoroughly discussed between the parties and a copy of the signed agreement is appended to this document. The agreement binds MFWP to construct the facility, bearing costs for planning and construction, and the Town of Drummond to maintenance and associated costs for the duration of the agreement. The anticipated life of the facility is 25 years although the agreement and facility could be renewed subject to approval by both parties.

Development of an FAS at this location would provide safe, controlled public access to a section of the Clark Fork River currently poorly served by public access facilities. Existing FAS on the Clark Fork in the area are located 31 miles upstream and 23 miles downstream of the proposed site in Drummond. Access to the river between these developed facilities is now available either through private property or at undeveloped, and sometimes unsafe, public rights of way. Owing to the location of the proposed facility, somewhat removed from population centers, it is anticipated that public use of the completed site will be modest at first. If Superfund cleanup of the river succeeds in reducing the impacts of metal contamination on the aquatic ecosystem, trout population densities in the Drummond area should improve significantly. Higher trout populations will encourage expanded public use of the site. The development of additional sites throughout the Upper Clark Fork will enhance the use of the proposed site in Drummond.

The proposal is for the construction of a boat launching ramp, parking and road adjacent to the already developed portion of the Drummond Town Park. The property to be improved lies streamward of an existing dike, appears to be composed largely of fill and disposal material, and the vegetative cover is largely spotted knapweed. It has little value for wildlife, fisheries or recreation in its current condition. Less than 2 acres of this property would be involved in the proposed project. The construction process would require leveling and site preparation, building about .1 mile of road, the turning and parking areas, and the boat launch. The launch would be constructed on grade with the existing riverbed so that neither deposition nor erosion should be significant. Vaulted toilet placement may prove to be necessary to accommodate use during winter. If the need develops, toilets would be placed above anticipated flood levels. Summer sanitary facilities are available in the existing park and will be used until such time as demand may require additional facilities.

Total cost for the design and construction of the FAS is anticipated to be approximately \$20,000. Maintenance costs, paid by the Town of Drummond, should be minimal due to the existing park and maintenance operation.

**10. Listing of any other Local, State or Federal agency that has overlapping or additional jurisdiction.**

(a) Permits:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Permit</u>	<u>Date Filed/#</u>
US Army Corps of Engineers	404:Federal Clean Water Act	Pending
US Army Corps of Engineers	Federal Rivers and Harbors Act	Pending
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	Montana Land-Use License/Easement on Navigable Waters	Pending
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation/Granite Co.	Floodplain Development Permit	Pending
Montana Fish, Wildlife And Parks	Stream Protection Act	Pending
Montana Department of Environmental Quality	3A Authorization	Pending

(b) Funding:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks	\$20,000

(c) Other Overlapping or Additional Jurisdictional Responsibilities:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Type of Responsibility</u>
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**11. List of Agencies Consulted during Preparation of the EA:**

Town of Drummond  
Granite County Commission  
Granite County Planning Board  
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
Montana Department of Environmental Quality  
Montana State Historic Preservation Office  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
Environmental Protection Agency

## **PART II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

### **PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**

1. <b><u>LAND RESOURCES</u></b> <b>Will the proposed action result in:</b>	IMPACT*				Can Impact Be Mitigated*	Comment Index
	Unknown*	None	Minor*	Potential ly Significant		
►a. Soil instability or changes in geologic substructure?		X				1.a
b. Disruption, displacement, erosion, compaction, moisture loss, or over-covering of soil which would reduce productivity or fertility?			X			1.b
►c. Destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?		X				1.c
d. Changes in siltation, deposition or erosion patterns that may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed or shore of a lake?			X			1.d
e. Exposure of people or property to earthquakes, landslides, ground failure, or other natural hazard?		X				
f. Other _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

1.a No impacts to soil stability or changes in geologic structure will result.

1.b Current soil conditions within the project site are spoils and fill; neither natural nor productive soil conditions. Site construction will alter the existing soil conditions by the addition of roads, parking areas, etc. Less than 2 acres of disturbance will result.

1.c No impacts to unique geological or physical features will occur.

1.d Some very minor change in stream bottom pattern will result from construction of the boat ramp. It is an insignificant impact.

⚙ Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.

► Include a narrative description addressing the items identified in 12.8.604-1a (ARM)

◆ Determine whether the described impact may result and respond on the checklist. Describe any minor or potentially significant impacts.

◆◆ Include a discussion about the issue in the EA narrative and include documentation if it will be useful.

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2. <u>AIR</u>  Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT <sup>☆</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated ☆	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>☆</sup>	None	Minor <sup>☆</sup>	Potentially Significant		
► a. Emission of air pollutants or deterioration of ambient air quality? (also see 13 (c))		X				2.a
b. Creation of objectionable odors?		X				
c. Alteration of air movement, moisture, or temperature patterns or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?		X				
d. Adverse effects on vegetation, including crops, due to increased emissions of pollutants?		X				
◆ e. For P-R/D-J projects, will the project result in any discharge which will conflict with federal or state air quality regs? (Also see 2a)		X				2.e
f. Other _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Air Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

- 2.a. During the construction phase some small, localized decrease in air quality may occur.
- 2.e No conflicts with federal or state air quality regs are anticipated.

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3. <u>WATER</u>  Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT <sup>δ</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>δ</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>δ</sup>	None	Minor <sup>δ</sup>	Potentially Significant		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Discharge into surface water or any alteration of surface water quality including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?			X			3.a
b. Changes in drainage patterns or the rate and amount of surface runoff?			X			3.b
c. Alteration of the course or magnitude of flood water or other flows?		X				
d. Changes in the amount of surface water in any water body or creation of a new water body?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding?		X				
f. Changes in the quality of groundwater?		X				
g. Changes in the quantity of groundwater?		X				
h. Increase in risk of contamination of surface or groundwater?		X				
i. Effects on any existing water right or reservation?		X				
j. Effects on other water users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quality?		X				
k. Effects on other users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quantity?		X				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> l. For P-R/D-J, will the project affect a designated floodplain? (Also see 3c)			X			3.l
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> m. For P-R/D-J, will the project result in any discharge that will affect federal or state water quality regulations? (Also see 3a)			X			3.m
n. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Water Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

3.a During construction of the site, small unavoidable quantities of sediment will be generated within the river. These will increase turbidity on a temporary basis, be permitted under a 3A authorization, and will be of no ecological significance.

3.b Minor change in local drainage patterns will occur within the project site both during and after construction. The changes will be insignificant.

3.l The project will change the nature of a small fraction of the Clark Fork Floodplain. The changes should enlarge the area available to safely pass flood flows by lowering the level of an existing fill area.

<sup>δ</sup> Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.

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4. <u>VEGETATION</u>  Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT <sup>☆</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>☆</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>☆</sup>	None	Minor <sup>☆</sup>	Potentially Significant		
a. Changes in the diversity, productivity or abundance of plant species (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?			X			4.a
b. Alteration of a plant community?			X			4.b
c. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
d. Reduction in acreage or productivity of any agricultural land?		X				
e. Establishment or spread of noxious weeds?		X				
♦♦f. For P-R/D-J, will the project affect wetlands, or prime and unique farmland?		X				4.f
g. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

4.a Construction of the project will temporarily disturb plants within the site and result in changes in plant abundance as those more amenable to public use replace the current assemblage. The existing plants on the site are dominated by spotted knapweed.

4.b See 4.a above.

4.f No wetlands or prime and unique farmland will be impacted. Site is composed of spoils and fill.

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▶ 5. <u>FISH/WILDLIFE</u>  Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT <sup>☆</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>☆</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>☆</sup>	None	Minor <sup>☆</sup>	Potentially Significant		
a. Deterioration of critical fish or wildlife habitat?		X				
b. Changes in the diversity or abundance of game animals or bird species?		X				
c. Changes in the diversity or abundance of nongame species?		X				
d. Introduction of new species into an area?		X				
e. Creation of a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?		X				
f. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
g. Increase in conditions that stress wildlife populations or limit abundance (including harassment, legal or illegal harvest or other human activity)?			X			5.g
◆◆h. For P-R/D-J, will the project be performed in any area in which T&E species are present, and will the project affect any T&E species or their habitat? (Also see 5f)			X			5.h
◆i. For P-R/D-J, will the project introduce or export any species not presently or historically occurring in the receiving location? (Also see 5d)		X				5.i
j. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

5.0 Project impacts to fish and wildlife resources should be minimal. Use of the site will likely be low. Some increase in utilization of fish and waterfowl might occur but it is expected to be minimal.

5.g Increased recreational use of the river corridor could lead to increased harvest of fish and waterfowl. It is anticipated that the level of use will be such that no significant impacts result. Some disturbance of wildlife may occur but no Federally listed species are dependent on the area of potential impact and the intensity of use is likely to be quite modest in any case.

5.h In the project site and the surrounding areas of potential impact, no T & E species are known to exist other than the bald eagle. No critical eagle habitat or nest sites are known to be within the impact area. White bald eagles are regularly seen in the area, their presence is transitory and level of disturbance by recreationists is likely to be of no significance.

5.i No exotic species will be moved as a result of this project.

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6. <u>NOISE/ELECTRICAL EFFECTS</u>	IMPACT <sup>☆</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>☆</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>☆</sup>	None	Minor <sup>☆</sup>	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Increases in existing noise levels?			X			6.a
b. Exposure of people to serve or nuisance noise levels?		X				
c. Creation of electrostatic or electromagnetic effects that could be detrimental to human health or property?		X				
d. Interference with radio or television reception and operation?		X				
e. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

6.a During the construction phase, there will be some noise associated with the operation of heavy equipment. The site is removed from most housing and little inconvenience should be experienced by local residents or recreationists.

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7. <u>LAND USE</u>  Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT <sup>☆</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>☆</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>☆</sup>	None	Minor <sup>☆</sup>	Potentially Significant		
a. Alteration of or interference with the productivity or profitability of the existing land use of an area?		X				
b. Conflicted with a designated natural area or area of unusual scientific or educational importance?		X				
c. Conflict with any existing land use whose presence would constrain or potentially prohibit the proposed action?		X				
d. Adverse effects on or relocation of residences?		X				
e. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

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8. <u>RISK/HEALTH HAZARDS</u>  Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT <sup>☆</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>☆</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>☆</sup>	None	Minor <sup>☆</sup>	Potentially Significant		
a. Risk of an explosion or release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation) in the event of an accident or other forms of disruption?		X				
b. Affect an existing emergency response or emergency evacuation plan or create a need for a new plan?		X				
c. Creation of any human health hazard or potential hazard?		X				
♦d. For P-R/D-I, will any chemical toxicants be used? (Also see 8a)		X				8.d
e. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

8.d No toxicants will be used as a part of the project.

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9. <u>COMMUNITY IMPACT</u>  Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT <sup>h</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>h</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>h</sup>	None	Minor <sup>h</sup>	Potentially Significant		
a. Alteration of the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area?		X				
b. Alteration of the social structure of a community?		X				
c. Alteration of the level or distribution of employment or community or personal income?			X			9.c
d. Changes in industrial or commercial activity?			X			9.d
e. Increased traffic hazards or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?			X			9.e
f. Other: _____						


Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):


9.c Some very minor change in employment patterns might result in the Town of Drummond as a result of increases in public use of the facility.

9.d It is possible that small increases in service businesses will result from expanded public use of the project area.

9.e The project may increase traffic across the river bridge and roadway connecting the town and the park. These increases are likely to be quite small. The availability of an improved launching site should reduce the use of undeveloped sites where impacts to traffic flow and safety now occur.

<sup>h</sup> Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.

 Include a narrative description addressing the items identified in 12.8.604-1a (ARM)

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10. <u>PUBLIC SERVICES/TAXES/UTILITIES</u>	IMPACT <sup>☆</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>☆</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>☆</sup>	None	Minor <sup>☆</sup>	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Will the proposed action have an effect upon or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas: fire or police protection, schools, parks/recreational facilities, roads or other public maintenance, water supply, sewer or septic systems, solid waste disposal, health, or other governmental services? If any, specify: _____		X				
b. Will the proposed action have an effect upon the local or state tax base and revenues?		X				
c. Will the proposed action result in a need for new facilities or substantial alterations of any of the following utilities: electric power, natural gas, other fuel supply or distribution systems, or communications?		X				
d. Will the proposed action result in increased used of any energy source?		X				
► e. Define projected revenue sources		X				10.e
► f. Define projected maintenance costs.		X				10.f
g. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

10.e No projected revenue sources are anticipated.

10.f No projected maintenance costs are anticipated. See appended agreement between Town of Drummond and MFWP

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11. AESTHETICS/RECREATION	IMPACT <sup>☆</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>☆</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>☆</sup>	None	Minor <sup>☆</sup>	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Alteration of any scenic vista or creation of an aesthetically offensive site or effect that is open to public view?		X				
b. Alteration of the aesthetic character of a community or neighborhood?			X			11.b
►c. Alteration of the quality or quantity of recreational/tourism opportunities and settings? (Attach Tourism Report)			X			11.c
◆d. For P-R/D-J, will any designated or proposed wild or scenic rivers, trails or wilderness areas be impacted? (Also see 11a, 11c)		X				11.d
e. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

11.b Development of the project should improve aesthetics at the site by the replacement of a weedy spoils fill with a well maintained, landscaped area.

11.c The project should enhance and expand opportunities for recreation and tourism.

11.d No impacts to these areas will result.

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12. <u>CULTURAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES</u>	IMPACT <sup>☆</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>☆</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>☆</sup>	None	Minor <sup>☆</sup>	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
▶ a. Destruction or alteration of any site, structure or object of prehistoric historic, or paleontological importance?		X				12.a
b. Physical change that would affect unique cultural values?		X				
c. Effects on existing religious or sacred uses of a site or area?		X				
♦♦ d. For P-R/D-J, will the project affect historic or cultural resources? Attach SHPO letter of clearance. (Also see 12.a)		X				12.d
e. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

12.a No features of this nature occur at the project site since it is composed of fill and spoil materials.

12.d See appended letter from SHPO.

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13. <u>SUMMARY EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE</u>	IMPACT <sup>☆</sup>				Can Impact Be Mitigated <sup>☆</sup>	Comment Index
	Unknown <sup>☆</sup>	None	Minor <sup>☆</sup>	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action, considered as a whole:						
a. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project or program may result in impacts on two or more separate resources which create a significant effect when considered together or in total.)		X				
b. Involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely hazardous if they were to occur?		X				
c. Potentially conflict with the substantive requirements of any local, state, or federal law, regulation, standard or formal plan?		X				
d. Establish a precedent or likelihood that future actions with significant environmental impacts will be proposed?		X				
e. Generate substantial debate or controversy about the nature of the impacts that would be created?		X				
♦ f. For P-R/D-J, is the project expected to have organized opposition or generate substantial public controversy? (Also see 13e)		X				13.f
♦♦ g. For P-R/D-J, list any federal or state permits required.						13.g

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

13.f No.

13.g See Part 1, item 10(a).

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2. Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action whenever alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider and a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

- A. No. action alternative. This option would result in no change in current recreational river use practices. No safe, controlled site for boat launching would exist in the general area and water craft use would be restricted to those types small enough to be manually launched.
- B. Modify existing Park facility. Minor changes in the current management and physical condition of the Drummond Town Park could be made that would expand parking opportunity and facilitate launching of hand carried watercraft. This would allow somewhat expanded recreational use of the adjacent river corridor by waterborne recreationists. Improved public safety would result through the availability of a more controlled and developed launch site. Boats requiring trailer transport would still be unable to reach the river safely and efficiently. Level of public use would change little and local economic benefits would be small.
- C. Preferred Alternative. Proceed with the proposal to develop a boat launch and parking area within the confines of the Drummond Town Park. Trailer transported watercraft could be launched or recovered safely and efficiently from the proposed facility. Parking and turn around space would be provided and these activities could take place without interfering with existing travel patterns. Use of the Town Park would likely increase. Some increase in consumer spending should occur within the Drummond economic area. Assured, convenient public use of the Clark Fork River would add to the public's recreational options and reduce the intensity of use on already developed river sections.

3. Evaluation and listing of mitigation, stipulation, or other control measures enforceable by the agency or another government agency:

See appended copy of Drummond FAS Cooperative Agreement between MFWP and Town of Drummond. Beyond the constraints placed by the extensive list of agency permits required, construction practices will include adherence to all impact reducing guidelines.

4. Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this EA, is an EIS required? YES / NO If an EIS is not required, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for this proposed action:

No EIS is required. Impacts of the proposal are minor and cumulatively insignificant as demonstrated in the EA.

5. Describe the level of public involvement for this project if any and, given the complexity and the seriousness of the environmental issues associated with the proposed action, is the level of public involvement appropriate under the circumstances?

Public notice will be made in area newspapers as well as the statewide electronic bulletin board to advise of the proposed project. An extensive list of possibly interested individuals, organizations and agencies will receive copies of the EA for their attention and comment. No significant opposition to the project is anticipated. Most comment will likely be supportive. Additional notification in the form of 10 legal notices published twice in each of five newspapers, Missoulian, Independent Record, Philipsburg Mail, Montana Standard, and Silver State Post and one statewide press release. The appended copy of the agreement between MFWP and the Town of Drummond demonstrates the local support for the project.

6. Duration of comment period if any:

Comment period will be 30 days after posting of the second legal notices.

7. Name, title, address and phone number of the Person(s) Responsible for Preparing the EA:

Wayne F. Hadley  
Fisheries Biologist  
P. O. Box 1  
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

406-846-3270



### **PART III. NARRATIVE EVALUATION AND COMMENT**

PROJECT QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST  
HB 495

Date: 9 February 2000 Person Reviewing: Wayne F. Hadley

Project Location: Town of Drummond, Granite County, Montana

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: Construction of a Fishing Access Site in the Drummond Town Park including .1 mile road, boat launch, parking and covering less than 2 acres.

The following checklist is intended to be a guide for determining whether a proposed development or improvement is of enough significance to fall under HB 495 rules. (Please check ☒ all that apply and comment as necessary). Capital Construction projects - Prepared by D & C; Force Account Projects - Prepared by Region.

☒ A. New roadway or trail built over undisturbed land?

Comments: Approximately .1 mile of new road will be constructed on an area now consisting of spoils and waste materials.

☐ B. New building construction (buildings < 100 sf and vault latrines exempt)?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ C. Any excavation of 20 c.y. or greater?

Comments: Leveling of spoils and waste materials for site construction and excavation for base of boat launch might exceed 20 c.y.

☒ D. New parking lots built over undisturbed land or expansion of existing lot that increases parking capacity by 25% or more?

Comments: New parking will be built on spoils and waste material area.

☐ E. Any new shoreline alteration that exceeds a double wide boat ramp or handicapped fishing station?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ F. Any new construction into lakes, reservoirs, or streams?

Comments: Boat launch.

☐ G. Any new construction in an area with National Registry quality cultural artifacts (as determined by State Historical Preservation Office)?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ H. Any new above ground utility lines?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ I. Any increase or decrease in campsites of 25% or more of an existing number of campsites?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

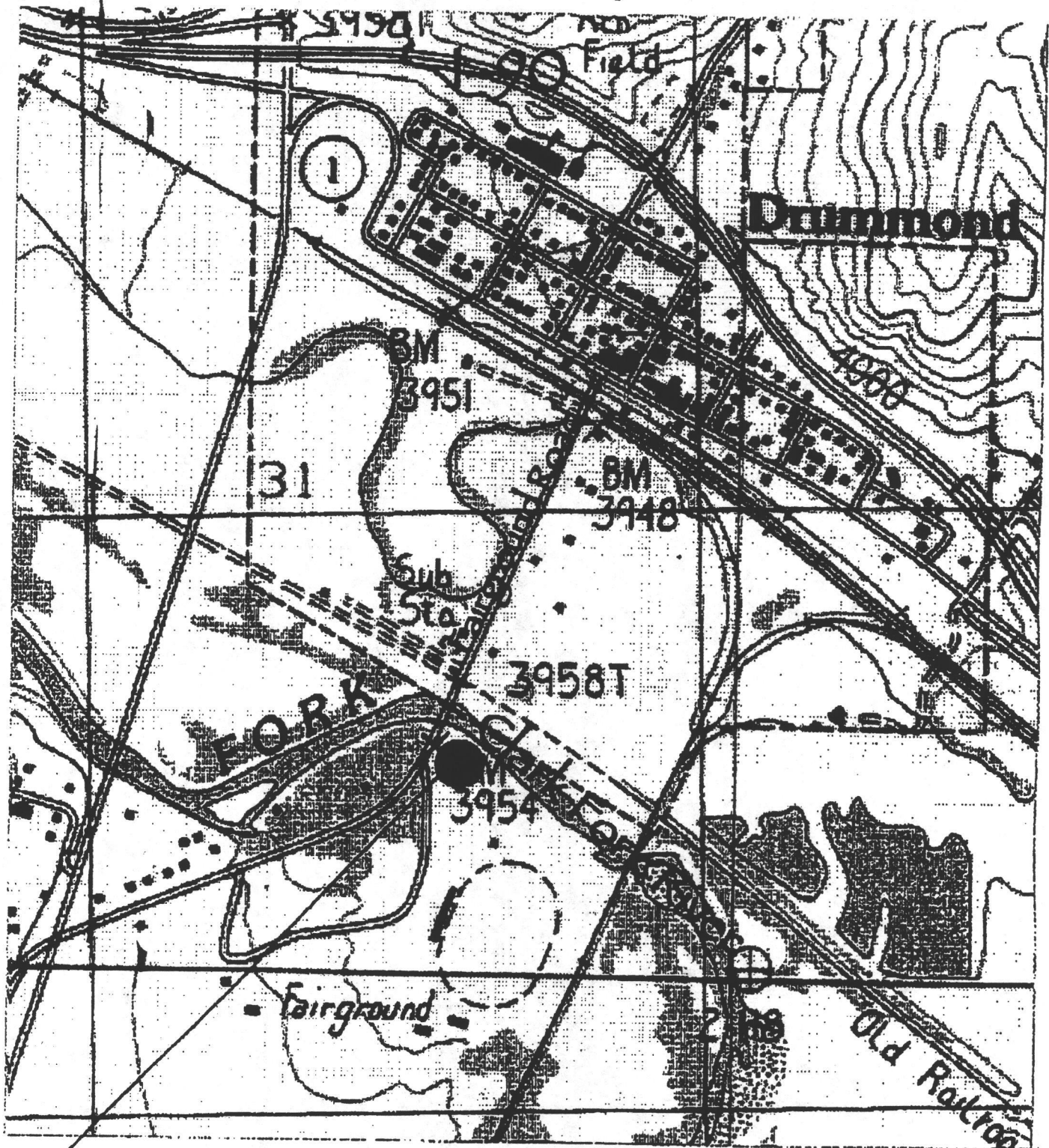
☐ J. Proposed project significantly changes the existing features or use pattern; including effects of a series of individual projects.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ARE CHECKED, HB 495 RULES APPLY TO THIS PROPOSED WORK AND SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED ON THE MEPA/HB495 CHECKLIST. Refer to MEPA/HB495 Cross Reference Summary for further assistance.**

cc: Park Managers, Region \_\_\_\_  
Kevin Redmond  
Mary Ellen McDonald  
Project File

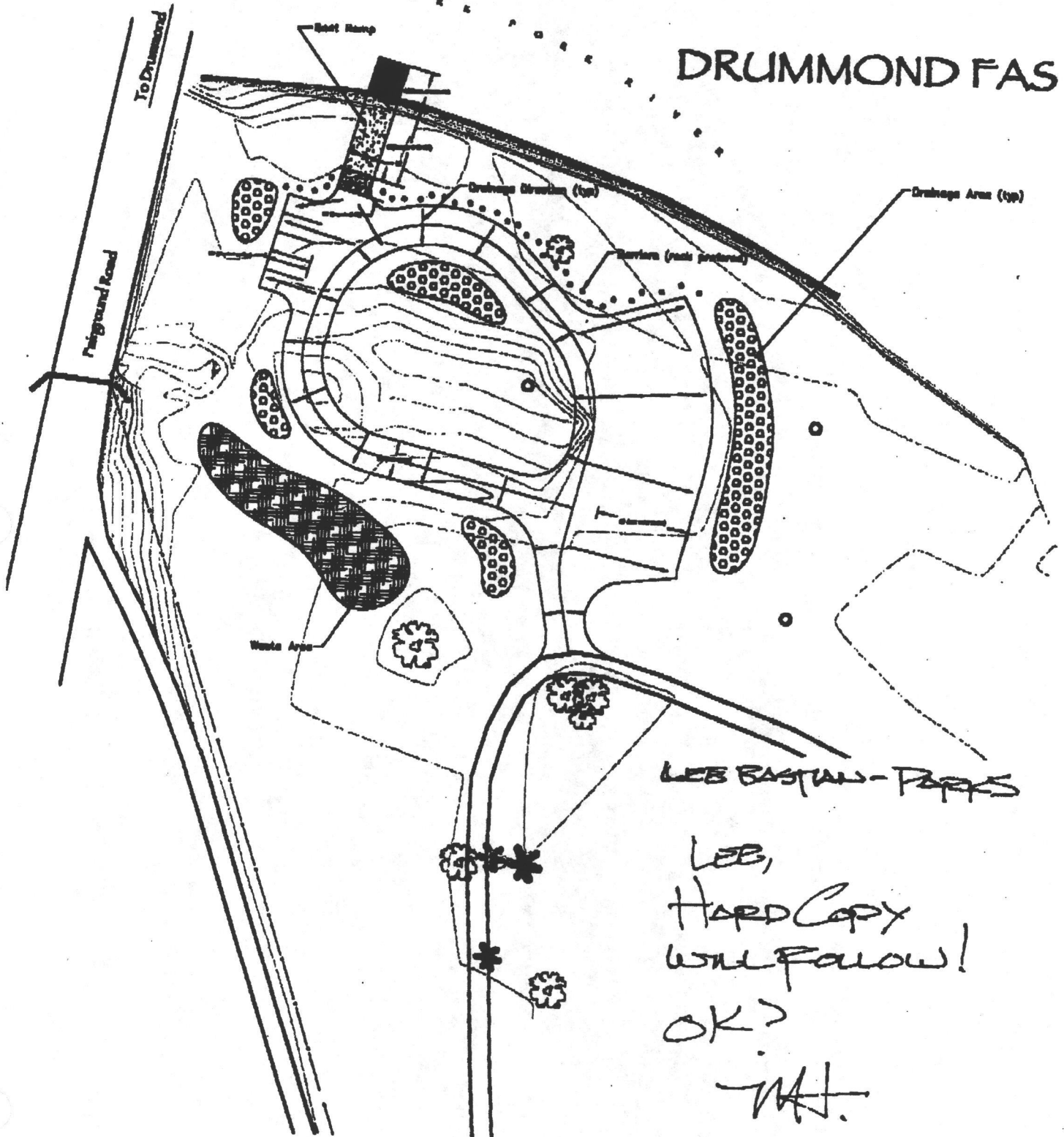
# Vicinity Map



— Fishing Access Site Location

C L A R K

# DRUMMOND FAS



LEE BASTIAN - PARKS

LEE,  
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WILL FOLLOW!  
OK?

W.H.

cc: HADLEY  
R-2  
FACCO  
Town  
D+C

## DRUMMOND FAS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 21st day of February, 1998 between the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, an agency of the State of Montana, whose main address is 1420 East Sixth Avenue, P O Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701 (Department) and the Town of Drummond, a municipal corporation, whose address is P O Box 195, Drummond, MT 59832 (Town).

### RECITALS

The Town owns and controls certain real property known as the Drummond Town Park, located in Granite County, Montana and more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

The Town is desirous of continuing to operate and maintain the Drummond Town Park and to enhance the area adjacent to the Clark Fork River within the Drummond Town Park as a public fishing and recreational access site to the river all for the use and benefit of the public.

In furtherance of the Department's objectives of providing water based recreational opportunities to the public, the Department wishes to assist the Town by providing construction and engineering expertise for the development of the site. The Town wishes to provide long term maintenance and management of the site as part of its public park facilities.

Both the Town and Department are desirous of designating a portion of the Drummond Town Park as the Drummond Fishing Access Site.

### AGREEMENT

In consideration of the mutual promises, terms and provisions of this agreement, the Department and Town agree to the terms and provisions set forth below:

1. Purpose: The purpose of this Agreement is to establish responsibilities for initial construction of the access site improvements, and long term operation and maintenance responsibilities all according to the terms and conditions outlined in this Agreement.
2. Term: The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of twenty-five (25) years, with a renewal option for an additional twenty five (25) years upon mutual written consent by both the Department and the Town.
3. Construction: The Department agrees to design and construct public recreational facilities at the Drummond Town Park which will include a boat ramp, vehicular parking area, access road within the park, and directional signs. The Department may also construct and install a toilet if deemed necessary by both parties. Actual construction will not begin until the Department completes the analyses required by MEPA and HB495 and funding is available for the project.

The Town will be afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the design plans until both parties agree to the final design prior to construction of the facilities.

4. Operations and Maintenance: The Town agrees to operate the fishing access site area located within the Drummond Town Park under the following terms and conditions:

- a. The Drummond Fishing Access Site will be operated and maintained as a public recreation area and fishing access site, providing for general public use of the premises and facilities and will remain open during the entire year. The remaining portion of the Drummond Town Park which is not used as a part of the fishing access site may continue to be operated in any manner that does not interfere with the purposes of this Agreement.
- b. The Town will maintain the Drummond Fishing Access Site in good repair and in clean and safe condition. If the Town neglects or refuses to do so, the Department may at its option perform such maintenance and repairs and the Town will promptly reimburse the Department for the cost of doing so, provided that the Department will first give the Town at least ten (10) days written notice of required maintenance and repairs so that the Town may itself perform the necessary maintenance and repairs.
- c. The Town will control weeds in accordance with the County's weed control policies.
- d. The Town will collect and dispose of garbage from the site at least two times per week. Such garbage will be removed to the nearest Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences approved disposal area.
- e. The Town will maintain the access road to the boat launch and the parking area in a passable condition for normal vehicular use. Neither the Town nor the Department is obligated to maintain the access road to the site for any purpose other than to provide access to the Drummond Fishing Access Site. Even though the site is to remain open all year, neither the Town nor the Department is obligated to plow or remove snow from the site or the road at any time.
- f. If a toilet is installed at the fishing access site, the Town will have the toilet pumped periodically as needed, but no less than once per year. The Town will maintain the toilet by keeping it clean inside and out. The toilet will be cleaned a minimum of twice per week during each summer recreation season. During the fall, the toilet will be cleaned a minimum of twice per month.
- g. If fences are installed around the fishing access site, they must be maintained in good repair.
- h. The Town will regularly remove debris from the boat ramp during the summer.

5. Costs: The Department will pay for development of the fishing access site including the costs of building the boat ramp, access road within the Town Park, fishing access parking area, and

directional signs. The Department will also pay for the initial installation of a toilet if this improvement is deemed necessary by the Department and the Town.

The Town will pay for the operation, upkeep, and maintenance costs of the fishing access site area thereafter, including, but not limited to weed control, road maintenance, garbage collection and removal, mowing, cleaning, toilet pumping, and sanitary provisions.

In the event the site improvements are severely damaged as a result of a natural disaster such as flooding, the Department may pay for replacement of improvements as funding allows.

6. Nondiscrimination: The Town will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, color, religious creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, national origin or ancestry in its operation or administration of the Drummond Fishing Access Site. The Town will comply with all laws pertaining to the Equal Opportunity Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

7. Assignment: The Town shall not assign its interest in this Agreement, in whole or in part, to any person or entity without the written approval of the Department.

8. Remedies: If the Town defaults in the performance of any term or condition of this Agreement, or otherwise violates any provision hereof, the Department may give the Town written notice of such default or violation, after which the Town will have 30 days to cure the default or violation. To constitute a notice under this paragraph, the notice must indicate that it is given pursuant to this paragraph. If the Town fails to cure the default or violation within this 30 day period, the Department may, at its discretion, terminate this Agreement, commence suit for breach of this Agreement, or seek any other remedy available to it under the law, including without limitation, specific performance or other equitable relief.

9. Liaison: The Department designates its Region 2 Supervisor, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana 59804 to act as liaison between the Department and Town for the operation of this Agreement. The Town designates the Mayor of Drummond, P O Box 195, Drummond, Montana 59832 to act as liaison between the Town and the Department for the operation of this Agreement.

10. Hold Harmless and Indemnification: The Town agrees to indemnify the Department, its officials, agents, and employees, while acting within the scope of their duties as such, harmless from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind or character, including the cost of defense thereof, arising in favor of the Town's employees or third parties on account of bodily or personal injuries, death, or damage to property arising out of services performed, goods or rights to intellectual property provided or omissions of services in any way resulting from the acts or omission of the Town and/or its agents, employees, subcontractors, or its representatives of the Department under this agreement all to the extent of the Town's negligence.

The Department agrees to indemnify the Town, its officials, agents, and employees, while acting within the scope of their duties as such, harmless from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind or character, including the cost of defense thereof, arising in favor of the Department's employees or third parties on account of bodily or personal injuries, death, or



damage to property arising out of services performed, goods or rights to intellectual property provided or omissions of services in any way resulting from the acts or omission of the Department and/or its agents, employees, subcontractors, or its representatives of the Town under this agreement all to the extent of the Department's negligence.

11. Modifications: This document constitutes the sole and entire agreement between the Department and Town. No statements, promises or inducements made by either party which are not contained in this Agreement are valid or binding unless evidenced in writing and signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Department and Town have executed this Agreement.

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

By: Patricia Graham  
Director

Town of Drummond

By: Neil Super  
Mayor

## EXHIBIT A

Legal Description for the Drummond Town Park as recorded in Book 39 of Deeds on Page 583, records of Granite County, Montana

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Twelve (12) West, Montana Principal Meridian, being part of Morse Tract "Q", Granite County, Montana.

Beginning at the point of intersection of the west boundary line of the Philipsburg branch of the Northern Pacific Railway right of way and the line between Townships Ten (10) and Eleven (11) North of Range Twelve (12) West, M.P.M., said point of intersection being South  $89^{\circ} 30'$  West 13 chains, 12 links (13.12) distant from the corner common to Sections Five (5) and Six (6), Township Ten (10) North, Range Twelve (12) West, and Sections Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-two (32), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Twelve (12) West, as described by the office of the Surveyor General; thence North  $24^{\circ} 24'$  East 10 chains, forty-two links (10.42) along the West boundary of railway right-of-way to centerline of Hellgate River; thence North  $54^{\circ} 32'$  West eighteen chains, forty and eight-tenths links to the east boundary line of the Drummond-Philipsburg Highway right-of-way at centerline of river; thence South  $23^{\circ} 13'$  West three chains (3.00) on east boundary of highway right-of-way; thence South  $4^{\circ} 9'$  East five chains, thirty and seven-tenths links along the east boundary of county road; thence South  $82^{\circ}$  East five chains, two links; thence South  $27^{\circ} 9'$  West no chains, sixty-five links (0.65); thence South  $62^{\circ} 51'$  East four chains to a point on curve of four chains, eight links radius, at which point tangent to curve bears South  $62^{\circ} 43'$  East; thence along said curve to right  $83^{\circ} 01'$  a distance of five chains ninety one and two-tenths links to tangent of curve bearing South  $20^{\circ} 18'$  West; thence South  $20^{\circ} 18'$  West four chains, thirty links to aforementioned township line; thence North  $89^{\circ} 30'$  East two chains, seventy links to the place of beginning, being an area of eleven and four-six hundredths (11.46) acres, more or less in the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 12 West, M.P.M.

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA)/HB 495  
TOURISM REPORT

The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has initiated the review process as mandated by HB 495 and the Montana Environmental Policy Act in its consideration of the project described below. As part of the review process, input and comments are being solicited. Please complete the project name and project description portions and submit this form to:

Victor Bjornberg  
Tourism Development Coordinator  
Montana Promotion Division  
Department of Commerce  
1424 9th Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620-0533

**Project Name**

Drummond Fishing Access Site Development.

**Project Description**

Construction of a boat launching ramp, parking area and access road adjacent to  
Drummond Town Park.

1. Would this site development project have a impact on the tourism economy?  
NO ☒ YES If YES, briefly describe:

As briefly described, the project appears to improve  
access and services for visitors - resident and  
non-residents - who would use this river access site

2. Does this impending improvement alter the quality or quantity of  
recreation/tourism opportunities and settings?  
NO ☒ YES If YES, briefly describe:

The project appears to improve both the quality  
and quantity of opportunities for recreation in  
the Drummond area.

Signature

*Victor Bjornberg*

Date

4-13-00